

# SEMI-INVARIANT $\xi^\perp$ -SUBMANIFOLDS OF GENERALIZED QUASI-SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

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**ABSTRACT.** A structure on an almost contact metric manifold is defined as a generalization of well-known cases: Sasakian, quasi-Sasakian, Kenmotsu and cosymplectic. Then we consider a semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a manifold endowed with such a structure and two topics are studied: the integrability of distributions defined by this submanifold and characterizations for the totally umbilical case. In particular we recover results of Kenmotsu [8], Eum [6] and Papaghiuc [12].

## 1. PRELIMINARIES AND BASIC FORMULAE

An interesting topic in the differential geometry is the theory of submanifolds in spaces endowed with additional structures. In 1978, A. Bejancu (in [2]) studied CR-submanifolds in Kähler manifolds. Starting from it, several papers have been appeared in this field. Let us mention only few of them: a series of papers of B.Y. Chen (e.g. [5]), of A. Bejancu and N. Papaghiuc (e.g. [3] in which the authors studied semi-invariant submanifolds in Sasakian manifolds). See also [10]. The study was extended also to other ambient spaces, for example A. Bejancu in [4] also studied QR-submanifolds in quaternionic manifolds and M. Barros in [1] investigated CR-submanifolds in quaternionic manifolds. Several important results above CR-submanifolds are being brought together in [4], [5], [9], [10], [11] and the corresponding references. The purpose of the present paper is to investigate the semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifolds in a generalized Quasi-Sasakian manifold.

Let  $\widetilde{M}$  be a real  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold endowed with an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, \tilde{g})$ :

$$\begin{cases} \phi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, & \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0, \quad \phi\xi = 0 \\ \eta(X) = \tilde{g}(X, \xi), & \tilde{g}(\phi X, Y) + \tilde{g}(X, \phi Y) = 0 \end{cases}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $\widetilde{M}$  where  $I$  is the identity on sections of the tangent bundle  $T\widetilde{M}$ ,  $\phi$  is a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$ ,  $\eta$  is a 1-form,  $\xi$  is a vector field and  $\tilde{g}$  is a Riemannian metric on  $\widetilde{M}$ . Throughout the paper all manifolds and

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maps are smooth. We denote by  $\mathcal{F}(\widetilde{M})$  the algebra of the smooth functions on  $\widetilde{M}$  and by  $\Gamma(E)$  the  $\mathcal{F}(\widetilde{M})$ -module of the sections of a vector bundle  $E$  over  $\widetilde{M}$ .

The almost contact manifold  $\widetilde{M}(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  is said to be *normal* if

$$N_\phi(X, Y) + 2d\eta(X, Y)\xi = 0$$

where

$$N_\phi(X, Y) = [\phi X, \phi Y] + \phi^2[X, Y] - \phi[\phi X, Y] - \phi[X, \phi Y], \quad X, Y \in \Gamma(T\widetilde{M})$$

is the Nijenhuis tensor field corresponding of the tensor field  $\phi$ .

The *fundamental 2-form*  $\Phi$  on  $\widetilde{M}$  is defined by  $\Phi(X, Y) = \tilde{g}(X, \phi Y)$ .

In [8], the author studied hypersurfaces of an almost contact metric manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  whose structure tensor fields satisfy the following relation

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X \phi)Y = \tilde{g}(\tilde{\nabla}_{\phi X} \xi, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\tilde{\nabla}_{\phi X} \xi \quad (1)$$

where  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is the Levi-Civita connection of the metric tensor  $\tilde{g}$ . See also [6, 7]. For the sake of simplicity we say that a manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  endowed with an almost contact metric structure satisfying (1) is a *generalized Quasi-Sasakian manifold*, in short G.Q.S. Define a (1, 1) type tensor field  $F$  by

$$FX = -\tilde{\nabla}_X \xi. \quad (2)$$

**Proposition 1.** *If  $\widetilde{M}$  is a G.Q.S manifold then any integral curve of the structure vector field  $\xi$  is a geodesic i.e.  $\tilde{\nabla}_\xi \xi = 0$ . Moreover  $d\Phi = 0$  if and only if  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field.*

*Proof.* The first assertion follows immediately from (1) with  $X = Y = \xi$ , and taking into account that  $\eta(\tilde{\nabla}_\xi \xi) = 0$ . Next, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} 3d\Phi(X, Y, Z) &= \tilde{g}((\tilde{\nabla}_X \phi)Z, Y) + \tilde{g}((\tilde{\nabla}_Z \phi)Y, X) + \tilde{g}((\tilde{\nabla}_Y \phi)X, Z) + \\ &+ \eta(X)\left(\tilde{g}(Y, \tilde{\nabla}_{\phi Z} \xi) + \tilde{g}(\phi Z, \tilde{\nabla}_Y \xi)\right) + \eta(Y)\left(\tilde{g}(Z, \tilde{\nabla}_{\phi X} \xi) + \tilde{g}(\phi X, \tilde{\nabla}_Z \xi)\right) + \\ &+ \eta(Z)\left(\tilde{g}(X, \tilde{\nabla}_{\phi Y} \xi) + \tilde{g}(\phi Y, \tilde{\nabla}_X \xi)\right). \end{aligned}$$

If we suppose that  $\xi$  is Killing then, from the last equation, we obtain  $d\Phi = 0$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $d\Phi = 0$ . Taking into account the first part of the statement, for  $X = \xi$ ,  $\eta(Y) = \eta(Z) = 0$ , the last relation implies

$$\tilde{g}(Y, \tilde{\nabla}_{\phi Z} \xi) + \tilde{g}(\phi Z, \tilde{\nabla}_Y \xi) = 0.$$

Finally, by replacing  $Z$  with  $\phi Z$  and  $Y$  by  $Y - \eta(Y)\xi$  we deduce that  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field.  $\square$

The next result can be obtained by direct calculation:

**Proposition 2.** *A G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  is normal and*

$$\phi \circ F = F \circ \phi, \quad F\xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ F = 0, \quad \tilde{\nabla}_\xi \phi = 0. \quad (3)$$

**Remark 1.** a) It is easy to see that on such manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  the structure vector field  $\xi$  is not necessarily a Killing vector field i.e.  $\widetilde{M}$  is not necessarily a K-contact manifold.

b) It is also interesting to pointed out that the following particular situations hold

- 1)  $FX = -\phi X$  then  $\widetilde{M}$  is Sasakian

- 2)  $FX = -X + \eta(X)\xi$  then  $\widetilde{M}$  is Kenmotsu
- 3)  $FX = 0$  then  $\widetilde{M}$  is cosymplectic
- 4) if  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field then  $\widetilde{M}$  is a quasi-Sasakian manifold.

Now, let  $\widetilde{M}$  be a G.Q.S manifold and consider an  $m$ -dimensional submanifold  $M$ , isometrically immersed in  $\widetilde{M}$ . Denote by  $g$  the induced metric on  $M$  and by  $\nabla$  its Levi-Civita connection. Let  $\nabla^\perp$  and  $h$  be the normal connection induced by  $\nabla$  on the normal bundle  $TM^\perp$  and the second fundamental form of  $M$ , respectively. Then one has the direct sum decomposition  $T\widetilde{M} = TM \oplus TM^\perp$ . Recall the Gauss and Weingarten formulae

$$(G) \quad \widetilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y)$$

$$(W) \quad \widetilde{\nabla}_X N = -A_N X + \nabla_X^\perp N, \quad X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$$

where  $A_N$  is the shape operator with respect to the normal section  $N$  and satisfies

$$\tilde{g}(h(X, Y), N) = g(A_N X, Y) \quad X, Y \in \Gamma(TM), \quad N \in \Gamma(TM^\perp).$$

The purpose of the present paper is to investigate the semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifolds in a G.Q.S manifold. More precisely, we suppose that the structure vector field  $\xi$  is orthogonal to the submanifold  $M$ . According to Bejancu [4] we say that  $M$  is a *semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold* if there exist two orthogonal distributions,  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$ , in  $TM$  such that:

$$TM = \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{D}^\perp, \quad \phi\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}, \quad \phi\mathcal{D}^\perp \subseteq TM^\perp \quad (4)$$

where  $\oplus$  denotes the orthogonal sum. If  $\mathcal{D}^\perp = \{0\}$  then  $M$  is an *invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold*. The normal bundle can also be decomposed as  $TM^\perp = \phi\mathcal{D}^\perp \oplus \mu$ , where  $\phi\mu \subseteq \mu$ . Hence  $\mu$  contains  $\xi$ .

## 2. INTEGRABILITY OF DISTRIBUTIONS ON A SEMI-INVARIANT $\xi^\perp$ -SUBMANIFOLD

Let  $M$  be a semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$ . Denote by  $P$  and  $Q$  the projections of  $TM$  on  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  respectively, namely for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$

$$X = PX + QX. \quad (5)$$

Moreover, for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $N \in \Gamma(TM^\perp)$  we put

$$\phi X = tX + \omega X \quad (6)$$

$$\phi N = BN + CN \quad (7)$$

with  $tX \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ ,  $BN \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $\omega X, CN \in \Gamma(TM^\perp)$ . We also consider, for  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ , the decomposition

$$FX = \alpha X + \beta X, \quad \alpha X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}), \quad \beta X \in \Gamma(TM^\perp). \quad (8)$$

The purpose of this section is to study the integrability of both distributions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$ . With this scope in mind, we state first the following result.

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $M$  be a semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$ . Then we have*

- a)  $(\nabla_X t)Y = A_{\omega Y}X + Bh(X, Y),$
- b)  $(\nabla_X \omega)Y = Ch(X, Y) - h(X, tY) + g(FX, \phi Y)\xi, \quad X, Y \in \Gamma(TM).$

(9)

*Proof.* The statement follows immediately from (6)–(8).  $\square$

Taking into consideration the decomposition of  $TM^\perp$ , it can be easily proved:

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $M$  be a semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$ . Then for any  $N \in \Gamma(TM^\perp)$  one has:*

- a)  $BN \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ ,
- b)  $CN \in \mu$ .

**Proposition 5.** *If  $M$  is a semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  then*

$$A_{\omega Z}W = A_{\omega W}Z \quad (10)$$

for any  $Z, W \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ .

The following two results give necessary and sufficient conditions for the integrability of the two distributions.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $M$  be a semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$ . Then the distribution  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  is integrable.*

*Proof.* Let  $Z, W \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ . Then from (6), (9) and (10) we deduce that

$$t[Z, W] = A_{\omega Z}W - A_{\omega W}Z = 0.$$

Hence the conclusion.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *If  $M$  is a semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  then the distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is integrable if and only if*

$$h(tX, Y) - h(X, tY) = (\mathcal{L}_\xi \tilde{g})(X, \phi Y) \xi, \quad X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}). \quad (11)$$

*Proof.* The statement yields directly from (3) and (9)

$$\omega([X, Y]) = h(X, tY) - h(tX, Y) + (\mathcal{L}_\xi \tilde{g})(X, \phi Y) \xi.$$

$\square$

Notice that the two results above are analogue those obtained in the Kenmotsu case in [12] and for the cosymplectic case in [14]. See also [10] when the submanifold is tangent to the structure vector field of the Sasakian manifold.

Moreover, from (8) we deduce

**Proposition 6.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\xi^\perp$ -semi-invariant submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$ . Then*

$$A_\xi X = \alpha X, \quad \nabla_X^\perp \xi = -\beta X, \quad X \in \Gamma(TM). \quad (12)$$

Let now  $\{e_i, \phi e_i, e_{2p+j}\}$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, q\}$  be an adapted orthonormal local frame on  $M$ , where  $q = \dim \mathcal{D}^\perp$  and  $2p = \dim \mathcal{D}$ . One can state the following

**Theorem 3.** *If  $M$  is a  $\xi^\perp$ -semi-invariant submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  one has*

$$\eta(H) = \frac{1}{m} \text{trace}(A_\xi), \quad m = 2p + q.$$

*Proof.* Using a general formula for the mean curvature, e.g.  $H = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{a=1}^q \text{trace}(A_{\xi_a}) \xi_a$ , where  $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_q\}$  is an orthonormal basis in  $TM^\perp$ , the conclusion holds by straightforward computations.  $\square$

In the case when the ambient space is a Kenmotsu manifold we retrieve the known result from [12, p. 614].

**Corollary 1.** *There does not exist a minimal semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold.*

Also it is not difficult to prove:

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $M$  be a semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$ . Then*

- (1) *the distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is integrable and its leaves are totally geodesic in  $M$  if and only if  $h(X, Y) \in \Gamma(\mu)$ , where  $X, Y$  belong to  $\mathcal{D}$ ;*
- (2) *any leaf of the integrable distribution  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  is totally geodesic in  $M$  if and only if  $h(X, Z) \in \Gamma(\mu)$  if  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and  $Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ .*

*Proof.* Let us prove only the first statement. For any  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{g}(h(X, Y), \phi Z) &= \tilde{g}(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y, \phi Z) = -\tilde{g}(Y, \tilde{\nabla}_X(\phi Z)) = \\ &= -\tilde{g}(Y, (\tilde{\nabla}_X \phi)Z) - \tilde{g}(\phi Y, \tilde{\nabla}_X Z) = g(\nabla_X(\phi Y), Z). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $M^*$  be a leaf of the integrable distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $h^*$  the second fundamental form of  $M^*$  in  $M$ .

For any  $Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$  we have:

$$g(h^*(X, Y), Z) = \tilde{g}(\tilde{\nabla}_X tY, Z) = \tilde{g}((\tilde{\nabla}_X \varphi)Y + \varphi(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y), Z) = -\tilde{g}(h(X, Y), \varphi Z)$$

which proves that the leaf  $M^*$  of the integrable  $\mathcal{D}$  is totally geodesic in  $M$  if and only if  $h(X, Y) \in \Gamma(\mu)$ .

Notice that the part (2) of the previous Theorem was obtained in the Kenmotsu case by Papaghiuc in [13, p. 115].  $\square$

We end this section with the following

**Corollary 2.** *If the leaves of the integrable distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  are totally geodesic in  $M$  then the structure vector field  $\xi$  is  $\mathcal{D}$ -Killing, that is  $(\mathcal{L}_\xi g)(X, Y) = 0$ ,  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ .*

### 3. TOTALLY UMBILICAL SEMI-INVARIANT $\xi^\perp$ -SUBMANIFOLDS

The main purpose of this section is to obtain a complete characterization of a totally umbilical semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$ . Recall that for a totally umbilical submanifold we have

$$h(X, Y) = g(X, Y)H, \quad X, Y \in \Gamma(TM).$$

First we state:

**Theorem 5.** *An invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold  $M$  of a G.Q.S manifold is totally umbilical if and only if*

$$h(X, Y) = \frac{1}{m}g(X, Y)\text{trace}(A_\xi)\xi. \quad (13)$$

*Proof.* If  $M$  is an invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold then for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  we have  $h(X, \phi Y) = \phi h(X, Y) - g(A_\xi \phi X, Y)\xi$ . Let us consider an orthonormal frame  $\{e_i, e_{p+i}\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$  on  $M$ ; from the above relation one obtains that  $\phi H = 0$ . Again, since  $M$  is an invariant submanifold:

$$H = g(H, \xi)\xi = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m g(h(e_i, e_i), \xi)\xi = \frac{1}{m} \text{trace}(A_\xi)\xi \quad (14)$$

and the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** *A semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a quasi-Sasakian manifold is minimal.*

The case of a semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold in a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  is solved in the next Theorem.

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $M$  be a semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  with  $\dim \mathcal{D}^\perp > 1$ . Then  $M$  is totally umbilical if and only if (13) holds.*

*Proof.* Let  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  be a unit vector field and  $N \in \Gamma(\mu) \setminus \text{span}\{\xi\}$ . By direct calculation it results that:

$$g(H, N) = g(h(X, X), N) = g(\widetilde{\nabla}_X \phi X - (\widetilde{\nabla}_X \phi)X, \phi N) = g(h(X, \phi X), \phi N) = 0$$

which proves that  $H \in \phi \mathcal{D}^\perp \oplus \text{span}\{\xi\}$ .

For  $Z, W \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ , from (9) we derive  $QA_{\phi Z}W = -g(Z, W)\phi H$  i.e.

$$g(Z, \phi H)g(W, \phi H) = g(Z, W)g(\phi H, \phi H). \quad (15)$$

If we take  $Z = W$  orthogonal to  $\phi H$ , since  $\dim \mathcal{D}^\perp > 1$ , from the above relation we infer  $\phi H = 0 \Rightarrow H \in \text{span}\{\xi\}$ . At this point the conclusion is straightforward.

Conversely, if (13) is supposed to be true, then we get (14) which together with (13) we deduce that  $M$  is totally umbilical.  $\square$

Let us remark that when  $\widetilde{M}$  is a Kenmotsu manifold the result of the Theorem 6 was proved in [12].

**Corollary 4.** *Every  $\xi^\perp$ -hypersurface of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  is totally umbilical.*

*Proof.* If  $M$  is a hypersurface then  $TM^\perp = \text{span}\{\xi\}$  that is  $h(X, Y) \in \text{span}\{\xi\}$ . Next, from (14) it follows (13).  $\square$

In the particular case of a Kenmotsu manifold this result was obtained by Papaghiuc in [12, p. 617].

As a consequence of Theorem 6, we obtain

**Theorem 7.** *If  $M$  is a totally umbilical semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  with  $\dim \mathcal{D}^\perp > 1$ , then  $M$  is a semi-invariant product.*

Here, by a semi-invariant product we mean a semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of  $\widetilde{M}$  which can be locally written as a Riemannian product of a  $\phi$ -invariant submanifold and a  $\phi$ -anti-invariant submanifold of  $\widetilde{M}$ , both of them orthogonal to  $\xi$ .

*Proof.* From the definition of totally umbilical submanifold we have  $h(X, Z) = 0$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and  $Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ , so that, by b) of Theorem 4, the leaves of  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are totally geodesic submanifolds of  $M$ . By Theorem 6, we have  $h(X, Y) \in \text{span}\{\xi\} \subset \mu$  for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}$ . By virtue of a) of Theorem 1, this implies that the invariant distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is integrable and its integral manifolds are totally geodesic submanifolds of  $M$ . Therefore, we conclude that  $M$  is a semi-invariant product.  $\square$

Without any restriction on the dimension of  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$ , we have the following

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $M$  be a totally umbilical semi-invariant  $\xi^\perp$ -submanifold of a G.Q.S manifold  $\widetilde{M}$ . If  $\mathcal{D}$  is integrable, then each leaf of  $\mathcal{D}$  is a totally geodesic submanifold of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* By using b) of Proposition 3, for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , we have

$$\omega(\nabla_X X) = -g(X, X)CH - g(FX, \phi Y)\xi.$$

Since  $CH \in \mu$  by b) of Lemma 4 and  $\omega U \in \phi\mathcal{D}^\perp$  for any  $U \in \Gamma(TM)$ , from the above equation we deduce that  $\omega(\nabla_X X) = 0$ , or equivalently

$$\nabla_X X \in \mathcal{D}, \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}).$$

Replacing  $X$  by  $X + Y$ , we get  $\nabla_X Y + \nabla_Y X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ . This condition, together with the integrability of  $\mathcal{D}$ , implies

$$\nabla_X Y \in \mathcal{D}, \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}). \quad (16)$$

As  $\mathcal{D}$  is integrable, Frobenius theorem ensures that  $M$  is foliated by leaves of  $\mathcal{D}$ . Combining this fact with (16), we conclude that the leaves of  $\mathcal{D}$  are totally geodesic submanifolds of  $M$ .  $\square$

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